

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The following identified paragraph will replace the prior disclosure of the same paragraph in the application.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Polychloroethylene, e.g., trichloroethylene and perchloroethylene, is stabilized with a stabilizing amount of a stable free radical stabilizer, e.g., a material having the 2,2,6,6-tetra (lower alkyl)-1-piperidinyloxy-yl free radical group, such as 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyloxy, or the 2,2,5,5-tetra(lower alkyl) pyrrolidinyloxy group, such as 2,2,5,5-tetramethyl pyrrolidinyloxy. Stable free radical stabilizer is removed from a polychloroethylene composition containing same by contacting the composition with silica, e.g., precipitated silica.